

Senate Bill 180

By: Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowser of the 46th, Burns of the 23rd, Setzler of the 37th,
Anavitarte of the 31st and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the High Demand Apprenticeship Program, so as to provide opportunities for
3 apprenticeship sponsors to enter into apprenticeship program contracts with the State Board
4 of the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for completion awards to
5 apprenticeship sponsors for the successful completion of such contracts; to provide for
6 related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
11 High Demand Apprenticeship Program, is amended in Code Section 20-4-151, relating to
12 purpose, employer partnerships, required information, contracts, awards, and limitations, by
13 revising subsections (b), (d), and (e) and paragraph (2) of subsection (g) as follows:

14 "(b) An employer sponsor or apprenticeship sponsor may apply to the board for the
15 opportunity to enter into a contract to perform the requirements of conducting an
16 apprenticeship program for a specific apprentice. Such contract shall require the employer

17 sponsor's apprentice or apprenticeship sponsor's apprentice to successfully complete an
18 apprenticeship program."

19 "(d) Upon successful completion of the requirements of a contract under this article, the
20 board shall provide a contract completion award to the employer sponsor or apprenticeship
21 sponsor. The contract completion award amount shall be determined based on the number
22 of hours of education and training required for the successful completion of the
23 apprenticeship under such apprenticeship program but shall not exceed:

24 (1) \$10,000.00 per apprentice for contracts entered into before July 1, 2024; and

25 (2) \$5,000.00 per apprentice for contracts entered into on or after July 1, 2024.

26 (e) Each employer sponsor or apprenticeship sponsor shall only be eligible to enter into
27 contracts under this article for up to:

28 (1) Five apprentices per year through the end of Fiscal Year 2024; and

29 (2) Ten apprentices per year beginning with ~~the~~ Fiscal Year 2025 and continuing each
30 fiscal year thereafter."

31 "(2) Provide funding to award employer sponsors or apprenticeship sponsors up
32 to \$2,500.00 per apprentice 12 months after the start of his or her apprenticeship."

33 SECTION 2.

34 Said article is further amended in Code Section 20-4-154, relating to rules and regulations,
35 by revising paragraph (4) as follows:

36 "(4) The terms of agreement between an employer sponsor or apprenticeship sponsor and
37 the board."

38 SECTION 3.

39 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
40 without such approval.

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SECTION 4.

42 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.